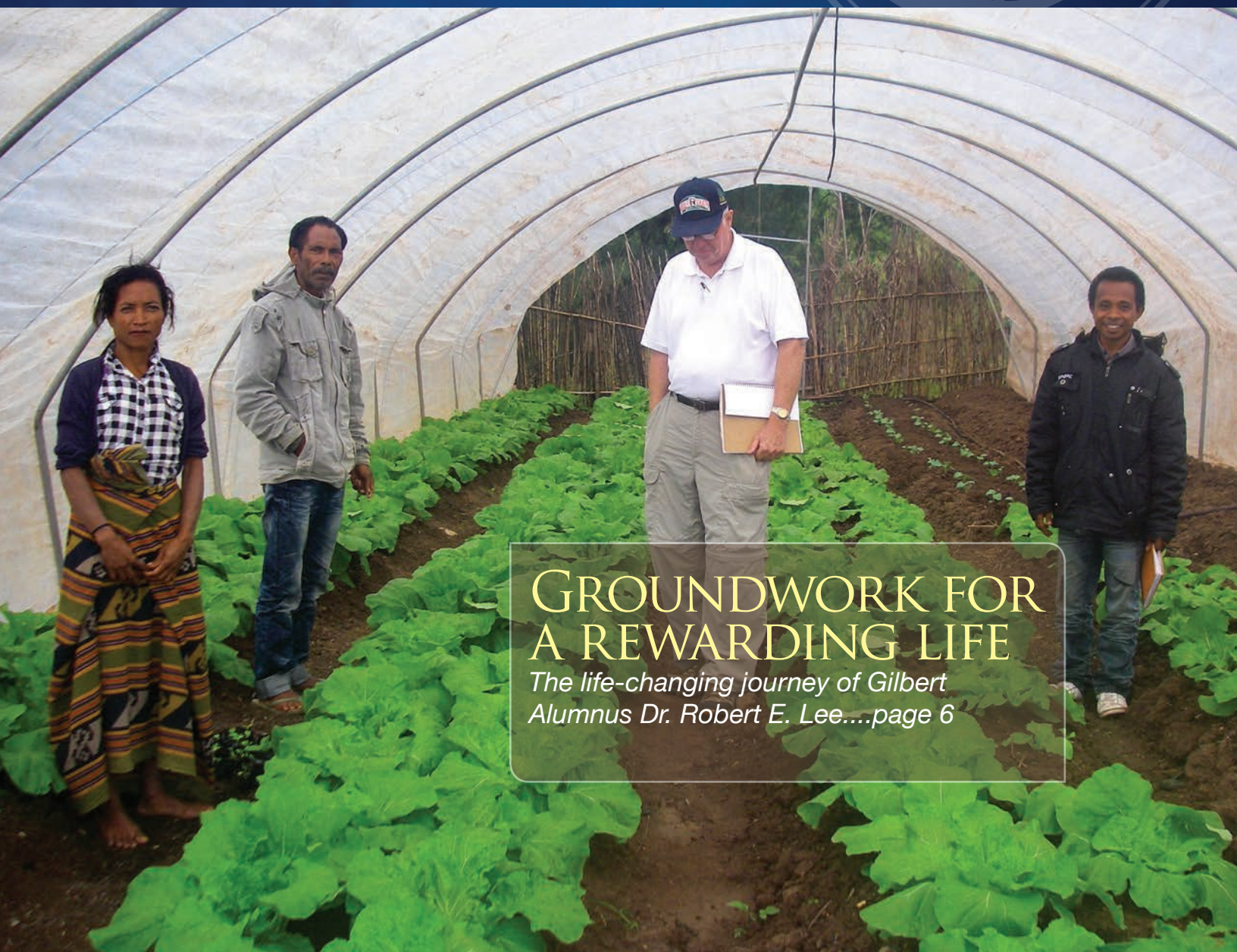


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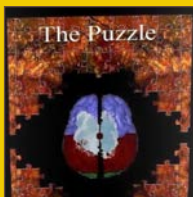
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Mission

The Gilbert School was founded in 1895 by William L. Gilbert "for the improvement of mankind by affording such assistance and means of educating the young as will help them to become good citizens." We are committed to assuring that each student is prepared to be a thoughtful, productive citizen in a complex, global society.

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We want to hear from you! Did you get a new job? Earn a degree? Write a book? Welcome a child or grandchild? Win an award? Retire? We'll share the good news in the *Yellow Jacket* and also on our Facebook page.

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Robert Lee reviews the work East Timorians have done to develop a tunnel greenhouse to increase production.

DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,



The first year of our International Residency Program was an enormous success with 30 students from China and two from France, and sister schools established in China, Italy, and the United Kingdom. We will continue to build our alliances around the globe with the hope of adding students from Europe, Scandinavia, South and Central America, Africa, and other Pacific Rim countries. The opportunity to bring the world to Winsted and to The Gilbert School is a major goal of the international program and The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation. Not only are we offering a 21st century education to students beyond our community, but our Winsted students and residents are benefiting from a culturally diverse experience that offers the chance to see through the eyes of others who come from a variety of places and backgrounds.
~ **Dr. Anthony Serio, Head of School**



This past school year, we presented 150 iPads to the 7th and 8th graders, making The Gilbert School the only school in CT where every student from grade 7 through 12 has access to this technology. Our students responded with cheers, applause, thanks, and warm wishes to every person involved in this effort. This behavior is the norm, not the exception, at The Gilbert School. Our students appreciate and understand the hard work of our staff and it drives us to do even more. Fewer than two years ago, TGS only had wireless technology in the media center; now it is available throughout the building. What we are most proud of is the fact that this was accomplished through grant writing, which we will continue to utilize. Our staff and faculty members are committed to the belief that we will succeed in educating every student entrusted to The Gilbert School in order to prepare them for a future in the work world, military, or higher education.

~ **Alan Strauss, Principal**



William L. Gilbert named 16 trustees to oversee the "establishment and maintenance of an institution to be known as The Gilbert School." The school opened in 1895 with seven teachers and 143 students. Today The W.L. Gilbert Trust continues the enormous and honored task of carrying out Mr. Gilbert's vision with a faculty and staff of over 70 and approximately 540 students. We are proud to be part of an educational institution that is forward-thinking and progressive in its academic programs, athletics, and technology, and we support students and teachers in every way possible. For example, with an enhancement grant provided by the Trust, The Gilbert School received two 3D printers during the 2013–14 school year. To continue our mission, your help is always greatly appreciated. Your generous support to the annual fund enables us to offer projects, activities, and capital improvements not covered by the operating budget. Please use the enclosed envelope or go to the website to give online: www.gilbertschool.org. On behalf of The Gilbert School community, I thank you.

~ **Thomas Botticelli, President, The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation**



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Spring Photos



On June 9, 2014, The W.L. Gilbert Trust awarded over \$125,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors and alumni, as selected by The Gilbert School Scholarship Committee. Selena West was this year's recipient of the prestigious Locascio Scholarship, which provides \$10,000 a year for four years at a university. It was established in 2009 by the late Phyllis Lacascio in memory of her parents, Salvatore and Maria Locascio.



On May 16, 2014, members of The W.L. Gilbert Trust spent their morning serving breakfast to high school student volunteers. These Gilbert students gave their time throughout the year doing community service work.



On June 1, 2014, many of The Gilbert School's students and staff were recognized for their accomplishments at the Celebration of Education. Pictured here is Siobhan Battista, Library Media Assistant, receiving her award for the William L. Gilbert Outstanding Service Award.

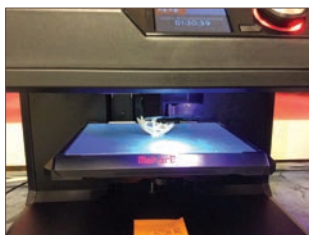


On June 25, The Gilbert School proudly awarded diplomas to the senior class after four years of hard work and determination. Roger Aiudi was this year's valedictorian and Selena West was the salutatorian. Congratulations to the Class of 2014!

Gilbert Happenings!

★ The 2013–14 academic year was a memorable one. Students, teachers, administrators, and staff members were recognized for their achievements both in the classroom and on the field. The International Residency Program got off to a fabulous start and will welcome even more students from around the globe this coming year.

★ Thanks to the efforts of Mr. John Higgins, The Gilbert School now houses a Classical Reproduction Collection. Some popular programs this year, largely student-run, were the Anti-bullying campaign, Gender Empowerment forum, middle school Family Math night, the Student Ambassador program, the first annual Parent/Student Course Selection night, and the Student Learning Fair with a culmination of presentations using a hands-on, project-based learning model in which students worked on selected assignments for the entire year.



★ Technology upgrades also continued to improve the 21st century education students receive. One of the ways the school is moving ever forward with technology is with the acquirement of two 3D printers (yes, 3D!), made possible by a grant from The W.L. Gilbert Trust. The school has

also partnered with the Lego® Corporation to offer a robotics program to design, build, and program robots using technology similar to that of NASA. All this is part of the intensified focus on STEM education—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math—vital to students’ success in today’s world.

★ Following a respected TGS tradition, students gave back to others by engaging in community service work through such jobs as serving hot meals to the homeless, cleaning up the river bank and school grounds, and collecting and handing out free books to younger children—a project of the newly formed, town-wide, K-12 Literacy Committee. *The Wizard of Oz* production and the many musical presentations were incredible. Members from the Class of 1964 and earlier (all the way back to 1935) visited their alma mater for the annual Blue & Gold Reunion. And, just beginning their journey as alumni, The Gilbert School sent 76 new graduates into the world to continue on individual, lifelong paths of learning and growing.

★ Finally, we wish the following teachers well as they retire from their many years at The Gilbert School: Joseph Brady (Science), Deborah Hampel (World Languages), and John Higgins (Classical Studies).



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An Amazing Year in Sports at The Gilbert School

by Patrick Cooke, Teacher, Athletics Director
Class of 1989

Gilbert/Northwestern Football team was named the Pequot West Conference Champions

GN Football qualified for the Class M State Tournament

TGS Athletics Department won the 2012–2013 CIAC Michaels Achievement Cup Award for exemplary athletics programs

Boys' Basketball qualified for the Class S State Tournament

Swim team finished the regular season at 8–8, beating schools they have not beaten in 25 years

Freshman wrestler Devon Schoenberger, Berkshire League Wrestling Champion, qualified for the State Open Tournament

Eight student-athletes qualified for the Class S State Tournament in Track and Field

Baseball team traveled to Cooperstown with a game on Doubleday Field

Seven student-athletes represented Gilbert as First Team All Stars at the Berkshire League All Star banquet: Jake Schoenberger (soccer), Devon Schoenberger (wrestling), Luke Snyder (swimming), Logan Smith (wrestling), Yoharky Sarmiento (basketball), Moonis Ansari (wrestling), Nate Marshall (baseball)

Ted Alex Sportsmanship Awards went to Boys' Soccer, Volleyball, Girls' Cross Country, Girls' Track and Field

Two-thirds of our international students participated in sports during their first year at TGS

Roger Aiudi and Meghan Kane were recognized as CAS Scholar-Athletes (a huge honor!)



NEW ELIGIBILITY POLICY AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!

ALL student-athletes must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA with no Fs. In addition, part of earning a varsity letter at The Gilbert School now requires student-athletes to complete community service work. This year, our student-athletes performed over 2,500 hours of community service!

To be eligible for Berkshire League scholar-athlete status, students must not only earn a varsity letter, but also make the honor roll. This spring, 42 TGS students (that's 80%!) were recognized as BL scholar-athletes.



Basketball Team to Visit China

by Gerald Hicks, Teacher, Coach, Class of 1969



The 2013–14 school year marked the beginning of our incredible International Residency Program. In addition to two students from France, we welcomed 30 students from various areas in China, such as Beijing, Shanghai, Jinhua, and Xinjiang; they were able to immerse

themselves in our culture and receive a top-notch education at The Gilbert School. The W.L. Gilbert Trust plans to expand the program to include 50 to 100 students from all over the world.

The Girls' Basketball team is excited to be the first Gilbert students who will visit our sister school in Jinhua in April 2015 as acting ambassadors for the school and community. The girls will be involved in basketball clinics, play an exhibition game, visit a local elementary school, and tour Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai, giving them a chance to fully experience the rich culture and history of the Chinese people.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR TEAM'S INTERNATIONAL TRIP

In order to defray the cost, we are asking alumni and friends if they would be willing to help. Your donation is an investment in some of the most dedicated and generous student-athletes at Gilbert and goes a long way toward creating a true global society.

Any size donation is greatly appreciated. However, there are also two special giving levels:

ALL-STAR CLUB

Become a member for a gift of \$100–\$199 and receive a Gilbert/China t-shirt.

HALL OF FAME CLUB

Become a member for a gift of \$200 or more and receive a 2015 All-Seasons Pass to every home Gilbert sporting event, as well as the Gilbert/China t-shirt.

Please make checks payable to The Gilbert School with "Basketball China Fund" in the memo line. Send your name, address, and donation to The Gilbert School, 200 Williams Ave., Winsted, CT 06098, Attn: Mr. Gerald Hicks.

Thank you for your support!



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A Life-Changing Experience

by Dr. Robert E. Lee, Class of 1958

My family is a native New England family, arriving in the country in 1632. I grew up in the lovely town of Norfolk, and, in fact, I was one of the last classes from Norfolk to graduate from Gilbert. Shortly thereafter, students from Norfolk went to the newly built Northwestern Regional High School.

It was difficult for students from outlying towns who attended Gilbert to participate in extracurricular activities (sports, drama, etc.) because there were no buses to take us home when the practices were over. As part of the football team, my Norfolk teammates and I walked the entire length of Winsted along Route 44 to hitchhike home after practice each day. I guess it would be unheard of today, but it was a character-building experience. It helped build independence.

I loved animals and spent many of my younger years living and working on some of the five family-owned dairy farms. At Gilbert I enrolled in the Future Farmers of America (FFA). The program included all the general studies—math, English, biology, chemistry, social studies, and the like—but in addition, there was a class on agriculture. It was taught by Mr. Coleman (Pappy Coleman as he was known to his students). He was a good role model and provided a solid focus for those of us interested in agriculture. Pappy was also my uncle's teacher (Able W. Lee), and my father (Wilbur G. Lee) was a Gilbert graduate, so both were familiar with Pappy's program and let me follow my dream.



Bob (with the hat) talks with farmers he was working with at a field day in Ukraine.

“Gilbert was a turning point for me. The life that was headed back to work on a family farm became instead an agent of change, helping people in 79 countries around the world.”

Gilbert teachers helped me realize the importance of education, letting me know if I really wanted to advance in my chosen field, I needed to go on to university. To do this, I had to take some courses that I wouldn't have taken had I been going back to a family farm after high school. Thus, in junior year, I added a few courses that put me on a college-bound track. In my senior year, I took studying much more seriously and I improved my grades. All this led to being accepted at UConn in a two-year farming and agricultural technology program. Without the guidance of the teachers at Gilbert, particularly Pappy, this might not have

happened. It was a big step toward achieving my dream.

I did well in the two-year program and decided that I should try the regular four-year program. I applied and was accepted. I was now in the College of Agriculture at UConn specializing in reproduction and physiology and dairy herd management. I did well in my studies and participated actively in the programs that were offered to dairy and livestock management students. I tried out for, and was taken as, a member of the intercollegiate dairy cattle judging team—an eye-opening experience. I traveled all over New England, judging dairy cattle in various shows, including the Eastern States Exposition. In addition, I was sent to Des Moines, Iowa, where I represented UConn at the national intercollegiate dairy cattle judging competitions. I topped the nation in judging Guernsey cattle and helped the UConn team rank among the top in that year's competition.

After completing my studies in 1963, my UConn professors encouraged me to apply to graduate school in reproduction and physiology at Penn State University as well as agricultural economics at Purdue. I was accepted for both and finally decided on Purdue, where I could work more with people in decision-making vs. a technological field dealing with test tubes. At Purdue, I completed an MS and PhD in agricultural economics. I had risen a long way from the young boy who loved animals to a Doctor of Philosophy in the field of my dreams.

My first job out of Purdue was with Arthur D. Little (ADL), an international research and management consulting firm based in Cambridge, MA. This started me on a life of traveling the globe. My first international assignment was in 1968 in the country of Nigeria. In 1969, I became a resident advisor to the Ministry of Industry & Agriculture in Algeria. In 1970, my family and I were moved from Algeria to Brazil (a great move) to manage an agribusiness development team. I then ended up helping a Canadian firm implement a major reforestation project dedicated to producing pulp and paper in Brazil.

From Brazil I returned to ADL to manage their agribusiness consulting practice before moving to Memphis, TN, to work for ten years managing a similar practice for Sparks Companies. After a time I got itchy feet and, with the children out of college, my wife and I ended up in Ukraine helping former collective farm members gain ownership to land, and then it was on to Poland to help with another project. I returned to the US in 1999 and started Lee Agribusiness Connections, Inc., joining forces with the Land O'Lakes international division in 2003—which took me back to Ukraine for four more years. Semi-retired now, I still go on several international assignments each year to assist clients as they develop new agribusiness ventures, create new marketing programs, and/or evaluate market information systems.

I value greatly the education I received from The Gilbert School as it provided the groundwork for a full life of rewarding experiences. Gilbert was a turning point for me. The life that was headed back to work on a family farm became instead an agent of change, helping people in 79



Exchanging ideas with a Ukrainian farmer who was using a new planting machine



Working with women in Guinea in West Africa, examining improvements made in cultural practices on a small vegetable plot

countries around the world. I've been privileged to witness people from various walks of life achieve their dreams and there has never been a dull moment. Yes, education can change your life and a good Gilbert education will put you on the road to freedom. Students, give the teachers a chance to point you in the right direction and do not consider school a drudgery; consider it an opportunity to free your life to do what you want to do. Have a dream and go for it. ☺

Catching Up with Kati

Kati (Devlin) Flood, Class of 1982, explains how she turned a devastating car accident into triumph.



What is your favorite Gilbert memory?

I do not know that I have one particular favorite Gilbert memory. I do know that I loved taking classes with Mr. Trout. I loved his sense of humor, which was along the same lines as mine. I must admit that I also enjoyed band and the many trips.

How did your Gilbert education prepare you for life's challenges and successes?

It's funny. I entered my senior year expecting to go into the medical field. Then I took an art course with Mrs. Reynolds. It opened my eyes to another avenue of expression that I really enjoyed. In college I ended up combining my scientific and art skills by majoring in Packaging Science Design. Yes, I majored in frustrating you, the customer! It involved creating packages (with the child-proof closures) and labels, as well as advertising and promotion.

What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?

If you had asked me this before June 1985, my answer would have been very different. However, I find my "greatest accomplishment" changing as time passes by. At one

point, it would have been simply living after a terrible car crash I had. Then, it changes to recovery and determination. Then, a return to college. Then, getting married and having our daughter Morgan, which was another miracle. It is rare for a woman with a traumatic brain injury to conceive, carry, and have a healthy birth experience. Morgan's first words (at eight months old!) were a perfectly annunciated sentence, demanding my attention. She continued to grow and progress along these extraordinary lines...and if you watched *Jeopardy* in the spring of 2013, you may have seen her in the Teen Tournament! I have also recently published a book, something I never thought I would do.

What is your book about?

My book, *The Puzzle: Some Reassembly Required*, is about my horrible car accident in Hartland, June 18, 1985. It covers the period of time from my accident to our marriage—the negative forecasts, a determined effort, and miraculous gains. I wrote it to share encouragement with others, no matter how impossible their current life battles seem to be. The book begins with swerving to avoid hitting a deer with a fawn and going unfound for many hours. I talk about my accident without going into gory detail. There was no need for that. Instead, the book is about

my recovery, which was repeatedly denied by doctors and therapists. It is the story of beating all the odds, the medical forecasts....everything! It speaks of travesties and breakthroughs and concludes with my wedding.

How long did it take you to write it?

The manuscript took me almost a year and a half to finish. You have to remember that it covers a span of five years and there were parts of my story that needed to be told that were difficult for me to put down in words.

Did writing the book help you in any way?

When I began writing the book, I was writing to speak to families and individuals going through traumatic issues. I did not write it to find sympathy, but to share the potential for hope through life's more dire episodes. I hope that the intent to help others has come through in my words; however, I also personally found closure with concern to many issues. I had been harboring anger toward some people because of their predictions and words. I think this book has supplied healing and forgiveness for me, allowing comfort to my spirit.

“I HOPE THAT THE INTENT TO HELP OTHERS HAS COME THROUGH IN MY WORDS.” ~ Kati

Where can people find it?

You can go to <http://ThePuzzle.me>. When visiting there, you will be able to read some pages from the book, post questions in the chat room, make a purchase, or just say hello. It is also listed on Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and Bookzillions. Just the other night, my husband Matthew pointed out (with a great big smile on his face) that my book is even being offered in England!

Do you keep in touch with any Gilbert classmates, go to reunions, and/or come back to Winsted from time to time?

We live in Pennsylvania now, but when we come up to visit, I try to make contact with people. West Hartland Library is interested in having me do a book reading and signing, so it would be great to set up something and see some old classmates there. Also, there are individuals I

became closer to after my accident and recovery that I hold in my heart. And finally, after getting on FaceBook, I realized that there were a great many more individuals praying for me than I knew. I had not been forgotten and many of those relationships have been re-established.

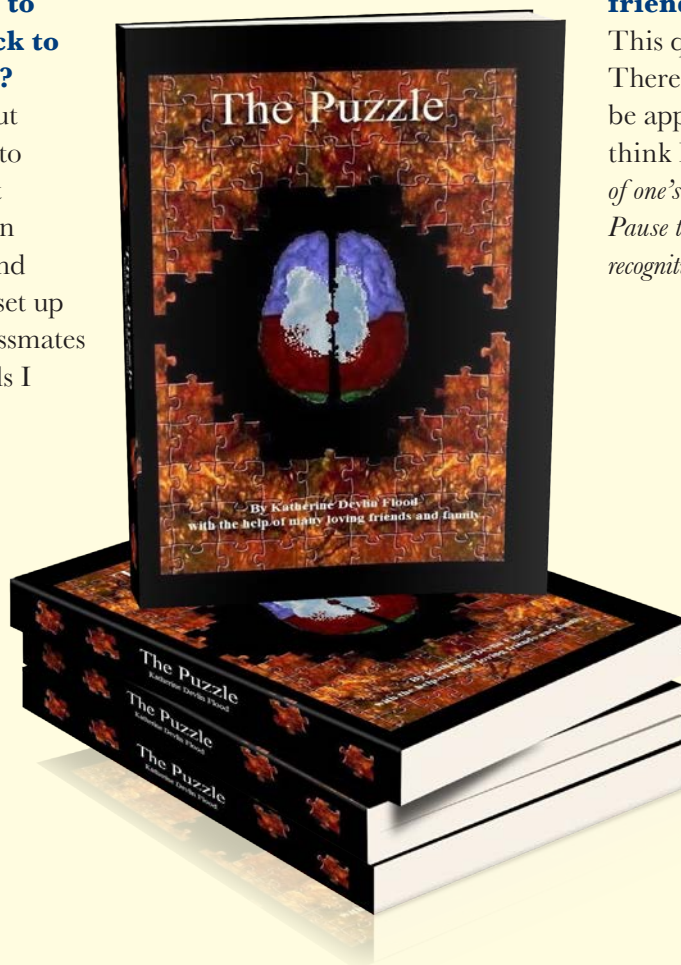
Are you involved with the Gilbert community or your current community?

We live quite a distance away and have other responsibilities, but as

I mentioned, there are bonds that have become treasures that find refreshment with our travels North. As far as my current community, I am involved with many women's groups and Bible studies. Because my accident has left me unable to drive, you would think I'd be housebound, but this is not the case. Many dear friends are willing to share their time and transportation with me.

What is one final thought you'd like to share with alumni and friends?

This question has given me pause. There are many possibilities that can be applied in different ways, but I think I would choose to say: *The words of one's heart can speak with great strength. Pause to listen; these deserve, at very least, recognition.* ©



Fifty Years Since Gilbert

Meet a New Golden Grad

by Sue (Roberts) Rouleau, Class of 1964



I can't believe it's been 50 years since I graduated from The Gilbert School. I spent more than 40 of those 50 years educating Connecticut teens before retiring. In June 2012, my husband Leo and I headed south, settling in Barefoot Bay, Florida, a small community located between Melbourne and Vero Beach. It was a pretty place to settle and we had many options for filling our retirement days. But soon I found myself beginning the process of getting my Florida certification.

After spending my entire adult life teaching high school students, I just couldn't stay away. I had taught for 12 years at The Gilbert School and then 18 at Simsbury HS before returning to TGS in 2002. Back at Gilbert, I noticed the make-up of the student body changing, so I created an academic support program for the influx of English language learners (ELL). Students came with minimal to no English and that hindered their learning. With the support they received, students began to demonstrate academic skills and show that they were learning. Combined with the efforts of colleagues and a program of total immersion, The Gilbert School was able to show a 100% graduation rate for ELLs.

My reason for working with this

segment of the school population was simple. I wanted to give something back to the Gilbert community. When I graduated from Gilbert, I was able to attend the college of my choice (Marietta College in Ohio) because of scholarship money I received. It seemed only right to do something in return.

"Back at Gilbert, I noticed the make-up of the student body changing, so I created an academic support program for the influx of English language learners."

Before long, students were calling me "Mami" Rouleau, something I considered a great honor. I communicated with the parents (which is especially important in the case of students whose first language is not English) and was welcomed into their homes. When students were habitually tardy, I phoned them in the morning to wake them up! I also loved meeting their grandparents and aunts and

uncles and was even greeted on town streets by family members I did not know. This was just one of the many happy benefits of teaching at TGS.

My sons are also Gilbert graduates. Lt. Col. Tim McCann graduated in 1995 and his brother, Major Greg McCann, graduated in 1997. Both received appointments to the United States Air Force Academy and became pilots. However, because they are Air Force officers, I do not get to see them often. The young people at Gilbert were my surrogate family, helping me to fill my time. I was fortunate that Dr. David Cressy, superintendent at the time, saw the need for a support program and allowed me to help establish one.

When we moved to Florida, I thought retirement would be appealing. However, that first October, I watched the Sebastian River High School (SRHS) homecoming parade and I was in tears. I missed being with teenagers more than I had imagined. The student body of SRHS had a diversity that appealed to me and I completed several months of paperwork in order to be qualified to teach in Florida. When a position as a teaching assistant for English language learners was posted, I applied. I thought the Indian River County School District might think I was overqualified with multiple degrees, but they hired me to work in the same

school whose homecoming parade propelled me to go back to teaching!

At SRHS I do what I did at Gilbert. My students are speakers of Spanish, Creole, and Portuguese, but as at Gilbert, I am drawn to helping any student who might be struggling, ELL student or not. I am fortunate that classroom teachers have allowed me to move about the room, helping anyone who needs some assistance.

Every day I meet more and more students who stop me to ask questions about their work. This is a large campus, more than 1800 students, so I don't expect to know everyone, but I am getting to know as many as possible.

We love life here in Florida, so I guess I am just repaying this state for surrounding us with so much beauty. And, retirement has been pushed back

yet again as SRHS recently hired me full-time to teach Spanish and ELL classes. A couple years ago, I saw a news segment on CBS about a teacher who was still teaching high school English at age 90. Maybe that will be my future. Who knows? I only know that I am where I belong. I'm not brave enough to retire yet and miss all this. ☺



The Blue & Gold Reunion celebrates alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more! Gilbert's newest golden grads are from the Class of 1964. 1964 grads who attended the Blue & Gold on May 2, 2014, are pictured here.



Class of 1958's 55th Reunion

The Gilbert School Class of 1958 celebrated their 55th reunion with a dinner in October 2013 with 33 classmates and a total of 56 people in attendance. In addition to Connecticut, classmates traveled from Oregon, Nevada, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, New York, and Massachusetts. Letters from classmates unable to attend were read. All class officers were present: Bob "Shine" O'Connor, Class President; Christine (Madison) Melchinger, Vice President; Joan (Roarke) Carew, Secretary; and Sue (Manchester) Fletcher, Treasurer.

Joan (DeMar) Candler shared memories of the positive influence of classmates and the dedicated faculty of Gilbert, who opened a "whole new world" for her.

Other classmates shared amusing stories about many TGS teachers. David Cooper

also spoke; he and his wife Susan have traveled and lived in many countries and their experiences can be followed on their blog at <http://www.cooperstwo.org>.

To conclude the reunion, 30 people attended a brunch at Fairview Farm Golf Course in Harwinton on the following day. Classmates voted to hold future reunions on the weekend after Columbus Day and to continue to have reunion dinners in the evening.

Calling All *Golfers!*



The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner Dance in memory of Susan H. Gifford-DeLeon (Class of 1980) will be held Saturday, September 13, 2014, at Green Woods Country Club in Winsted.

There is a shotgun start at noon. Funds raised will contribute to an endowment in Susan's name that benefits current Gilbert students by supporting student activities focused on earth & environmental science, conservation, and volunteerism. Last year's tournament was wildly successful and firmly established the endowment as part of The Gilbert Trust.

We are now accepting registrations for golfers at a cost of \$185 per person and \$725 for a foursome. Registration includes a raffle ticket for a grand prize weekend getaway.

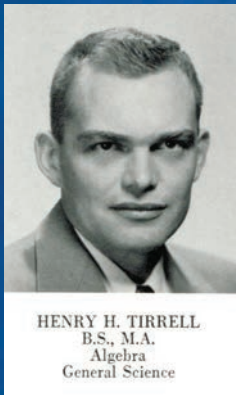
Don't golf? Don't worry! The Dinner Dance begins at 6:00 PM with a buffet dinner and entertainment by our celebrity guest DJ of Lone Wolf Productions and a live musical performance by Cindy Rines. Tickets are available for \$35 per person plus cash bar.

Sponsorship levels vary with opportunities to promote your business. Donations of any amount are also greatly appreciated.

Contact Julie Phillips-Hall by phone (860-738-6919) or email (julie@jphillips-hall-insurance.com).

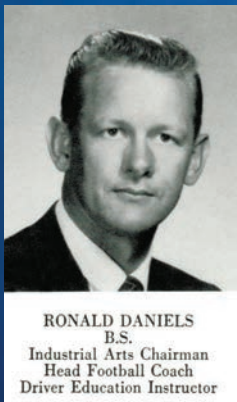
REMEMBERING TWO GILBERT SCHOOL GREATS

This school year we lost two former TGS teachers: Henry Hastings Tirrell, math teacher, on November 13, 2013, and Ronald Daniels, industrial arts teacher and football coach, on March 7, 2014. To honor their memories and help students at The Gilbert School, we welcome any donations to the following funds.



Terrence Hastings Tirrell 1973 Scholarship

Originally established in memory of Terrence Tirrell, you may also contribute to this scholarship in Henry's name. It assists a graduating senior or alumnus with the cost of higher education, with preference given to a student who has excelled in math.

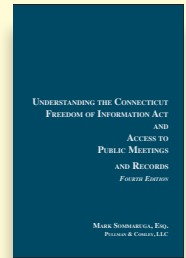


Ronald Daniels Fund

This fund was recently created by Ron's family and will be put toward student or building costs not covered by the operating budget or toward a specific purpose to be designated by his loved ones.

Checks should be made payable to The W.L. Gilbert Trust with either "Tirrell Scholarship" or "Ronald Daniels Fund" in the subject line.

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*Understanding the CT Freedom
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by **Mark J. Sommaruga**

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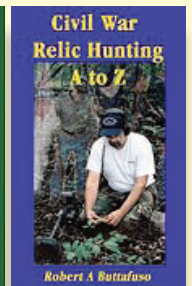
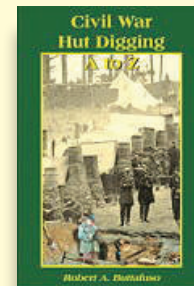


The Puzzle

by **Katherine Devlin Flood**

Class of 1982

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*Civil War Hut Digging
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When Laura Reidy (now Mrs. Laura Cascudo) got married this June, she gave her guests the option of donating to the Joseph C. Reidy Math Fund in lieu of a gift. After her father Joseph passed away, his family established the fund in his memory. Joe was a 1967 Gilbert graduate who volunteered at TGS as a math tutor during his retirement years. The donations are used for student math expenses, such as AP testing fees.

***Congratulations to the beautiful bride
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JoAnn and Harry Briggs

Concetto Marino, 1982

Ellen (Cormier) Marino, 1983

Jean (Woodward) Partridge, 1950

James A. Pettit, 1971

Steven A. Sedlack, 1960

and

Anonymous

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We appreciate each and every donation in any amount, but we would like to give special recognition to the following donors for the fiscal year 2013–14.

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Linda (Godenzi)
Bartholomew, 1968
Robert Clark, 1963
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Walsh, 1966

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JoAnn (Young) Leifert, 1980
Jean (Woodward) Partridge, 1950
Susan (Roberts) Rouleau, 1964
David Sartirana, 1978
Jing Shu
Mark Vaccari, 1977
Janice Williams

Where Are They Now?

CLASS NOTES



1954

In November 2013, Anita (Caine) Rocheleau assisted in delivering her seventh great grandchild, a girl. Anita said, "My St. Agnes training came in handy."

1954

Effie Oellers has retired from the CIA and says hello to all classmates who remember her.

1956

Mr. Gary O'Keefe is excited to report that he was recently married.

1964

After getting out of the Navy, Bob Buttafuso worked in the computer industry until 1981 and currently owns Centreville Electronics. A few years ago, he also co-starred in *American Digger*, a reality Spike TV series. You can find Bob along with some excavated Civil War relics at cwrelics.com.

1972

Richard Beebe is "sorry to report that I have only sad news to share. My only child, Meghan Kyla Tateo Beebe, died December 28, 2013 at the age of 21 as a result of injuries suffered in a hit-and-run accident, two weeks after completing her undergraduate studies at UMass-Amherst. The support of family, colleagues, and friends—especially Meghan's friends—has sustained me, my family, and my late wife's family since Meghan's death."

1976

Dr. Michael Kelley continues his work at NASA headquarters in Washington, DC, and enjoys frequent trips back to Winsted.

1980

JoAnn (Young) Leifert and Michael Leifert celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 29, 2014.

1982

Todd Schaller retired on June 21, 2014, as a captain with the Torrington Police Department after 27 years of service.

2001

Amanda (Jassen) Jasenski and her husband Jeff purchased their first home in Avon in September of 2013, followed by the birth of their first child, Landon, in December. Amanda says they have a lot to be thankful for!

Let us know what you're up to...

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GILBERT HOMECOMING WEEKEND



SAVE THE DATE! Oct. 24 & 25, 2014

HIGHLIGHTS:

FRI., OCT. 24: The Blue & Gold Golf event will be held at Fairview Farm Golf Course in Harwinton. Start time is 10:00 a.m. Back by popular demand after a break of several years, this is a major fundraiser for the athletics program, and proceeds this year will also support the TGS Girls' Basketball team as they head to China.

SAT., OCT. 25: The Annual Volleyball Alumni Game will be held from 9:00–10:00 a.m. The gym and locker room will open at 8:30 a.m.

FOOTBALL GAME: Gilbert/Northwestern vs. Ellington

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS: Details TBA—Check our website and Facebook page often for award ceremony information and other announcements about Homecoming, reunions, and more.

In Memoriam

1935

Harriet (Smith) Williams
December 4, 2012

1936

Marion (Russell) Chapin
April 30, 2014

1937

Anna (Babb) McMahon
2010

1940

Arthur Page
2007

Bernard Passini

1941

Janet (Fox) Merryman
July 2010

1942

Edward Dombrowski
November 18, 2013

Marguerite (Dowen) Clark
May 20, 2014

Robert McCarthy
April 7, 2014

1943

Marion (Michalek) Schibi
December 2, 2012

1946

Mary Louise (Atkins) Goddard
December 21, 2013

Edward Weber
September 10, 2013

1948

Salvatore Bordonaro
March 2011

Jeanne (Prunier) Johnson
November 25, 2013

John Kisiel
2013

Jane (Kenney) Nielson
July 7, 2012

Peter Place
January 25, 2014

Louis Petrunti

1949

Frances (Bedore) Chirico
November 2013

1950

Helen LaGamba
April 13, 2014

1951

Harriet (Hunt) Ornato
November 17, 2013

1952

Robert Dean
January 4, 2014

Betty (Bond) Levesque
February 1, 2014

1954

John Carter

Gerald Dolinsky

Patricia (Warner) Fox

Salvatore Gangi
February 5, 2013

John Turra

1956

Diane (Guest) Biondi
August 3, 2013

1957

John Burke
February 27, 2014

Alan Hall
December 15, 2013

1958

Patricia (Thiery) Lavieri
December 28, 2013

Judith (Vaill) Manchester
April 12, 2014

Albert Marquis
February 2014

Robert Thompson
December 17, 2010

1960

Deborah (Guest) Houlihan

1964

Walter E. Britton
December 2013

Sgt. Major George Shea

1965

Hamilton Pitt

1966

Derik Maloney
January 2014

1969

Leon Wheeler
November 2008

1972

Jo-Ellen Correnti
April 27, 2014

1974

Timothy Wells
June 11, 2014

1982

Frank Abramo, Jr
April 24, 2014



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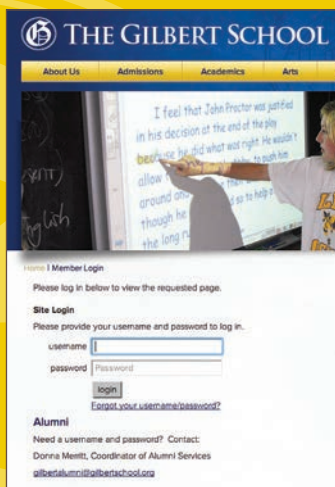
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